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Applicant:

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

Assistant Commissioner of Patents BOX AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 1999, Applicants respectfully respond as follows. This reply is filed within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action.

Amendments

Please cancel claims 17-22 and substitute the following claims 23-26:

23. A modular vault comprising:

a unitary housing body of monolithically poured concrete;

said unitary housing body having a pre-cast floor slab, a plurality of pre-cast side and

end walls and a pre-cast roof slab;

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